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THE UK DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING EC-NINE
PAPER ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MAIN BELGRADE MEET-
ING. BEGIN TEXT:

1. THE MAIN BELGRADE MEETING WILL OPEN IN PLENARY WHEN
HEADS OF DELEGATION SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE GENERAL OPENING STATEMENTS (WITHOUT RIGHT OF
REPLY) OF PERHAPS UP TO 30 MINUTES IN LENGTH. THIS PART
OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH MIGHT LAST UP TO A WEEK, WOULD
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BE OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

2. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY A MIXED PHASE IN WHICH
HEADS OF DELEGATION, MEETING IN CLOSED PLENARY
(COORDINATING COMMITTEE0, AND WORKING COMMITTEES SET UP
TO COVER THE THREE BASKETS WOULD TACKLE THE REVIEW OF
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT (IE
THE FIRST SUBSTANTIAL ITEM OF THE AGENDA SET OUT IN PARA-
GRAPH 2(A) OF THE FOLLOW-UP
SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT). THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

WOULD FIRST HAVE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF FIXED DURATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONTENTS OF THE BASKETS, AND THE RELEVANT COMMITTEES WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY UNDERTAKE A MORE DETAILED REVIEW. IT WOULD BE OPEN TO DELEGATIONS, BOTH IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND IN THE WORKING COMMITTEES, TO RAISE ANY POINTS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF CONCERN TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

3. IT SEEMS DOUBTFUL WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE A RIGID SEPARATION BETWEEN THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA (EVALUATION) AND THE SECOND - THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE DEEPENDING OF "MUTUAL RELATIONS, THE IMPROVEMENT OF SECURITY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION" (IE THE SECOND SUBSTANTIAL ITEM OF THE AGENDA SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2(A) OF THE FOLLOW-UP SECTION OF THE FINAL ACT). IF THE NINE WISH TO FOLLOW THE METHOD OF SUBMITTING EXPLANATORY NOTES THERE COULD BE A GRADUAL TRANSITION BETWEEN THE TWO. IN ANY CASE, THE ACTUAL DRAFTING OF NEW PROPOSALS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION.

4. THE PRECISE SYSTEM TO BE ADOPTED WILL NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PRACTICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE DIFFICULTIES SMALLER COUNTRIES MAY EXPERIENCE IN ENSURING ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION IN A NUMBER OF COMMITTEES MEETING SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE PRESENT MODEL IS A FLEXIBLE ONE
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WHICH SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF ADAPTATION IN THE LIGHT OF DISCUSSION WITH OTHERS. APART FROM ITS SPECIFIC TASK IN CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE SHOULD, THROUGHOUT THE MEETING, PLAY A STEERING ROLE, AND SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES. AFTER ITS WORK ON EVALUATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, IT WILL NEED TO CONTINUE TO MEET AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK.

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5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION, THE NON-EUROPEAN MEDITERRANEAN STATES COULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT, POSSIBLY IN THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

6. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE COULD IF NECESSARY SET UP FURTHER WORKING GROUPS, EG TO DEFINE THE MODALITIES FOR THE HOLDING OF OTHER MEETINGS AND TO DRAFT A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT.

7. THE CONFERENCE WOULD END IN A PLENARY SESSION WHICH WOULD NEED TO ENDORSE THE FINAL DOCUMENT, AND THERE WOULD BE A ROUND OF CLOSING GENERAL SPEECHES (IN OPEN SESSION) SIMILAR TO THE OPENING SESSION.

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8. WHEN A DETAILED TIME SCHEDULE IS DRAWN UP IN BELGRADE THE NINE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL DISPOSE OF SUFFICIENT TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES.

9. AS SUGGESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, THERE MAY BE MERIT IN PRESERVING SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE ATTACHED ANNEX DESCRIBES A VARIABLE MODEL WHICH COULD FORM A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES.

ANNEX

1. OPENING STATEMENTS IN OPEN PLENARY CONFERENCE (DURATION: UP TO A WEEK).

2. DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION IN CLOSED PLENARY. THE BASKETS COULD BE TAKEN EITHER CONSECUTIVELY OR IN ALTERNATION 9EG BASKET I IN THE MORNING, BASKET II IN THE AFTERNOON, BASKET III THE NEXT MORNING, AND SO ON). IN THE LATTER CASE, COMMITTEES (SEE POINT 3 BELOW) COULD START WORK AT A VERY EARLY STAGE. (THREE WEEKS).

3. DISCUSSION OF EVALUATION AND OF "NEW PROPOSALS" IN COMMITTEES (COULD TAKE AT LEAST FIVE WEEKS).

4. DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP IN AD HOC WORKING GROUP
(COULD LAST AT LEAST TWO WEEKS).

5. FINAL CLOSED PLENARY TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE
COMMITTEES AND TO AGREE CONCLUDING DOCUMENT (COULD LAST
ONE-TWO WEEKS).

6. CLOSING STATEMENTS IN OPEN PLENARY (UP TO A WEEK).
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